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NEW PRICE-LIST FOR 1953

ATTENTION PLEASE ... THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!

The following is a complete Price-List of the roses described in our catalog 1952-1953, of which you have been sent a copy.

Also included is a description, with prices, of the additional varieties, old and modern, we offer for next season, indicated by the word "new" in the Price-List.

Prices for 1953 are adjusted both **upward** and **downward** as decided by the patent owners of modern roses, and in accordance with our estimated harvest of the old-fashioned and unusual kinds. The price of an old-type rose does not indicate its relative merit. We still believe in the old-fashioned law of supply and demand as the best and fairest means of determining true value.

To save confusion, correspondence and delay, please check your order against this new Price-List. We promise this inconvenience will not be repeated . . . you will have a new "Roses of Yesterday and Today" for 1954.

ALPHABETICAL PRICE LIST 1953

IMPORTANT! Check with your order.

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VARIETY EACH PRICE
Adeline1.75
Agnes Sold Out
Aloha2.50
American Beauty Bush2.00
American Beauty Climbing2.00
Angels Mateu1.75
Applause3 @ 5.25 2.00
Arrillaga 1.75
Auguste Roussel1.50
Austrian Copper2.00
Banksia White2.00
Banksia Yellow 2.50
Barbarossa Discontinued
Baroness Rothchild 3 @ 4.50 1.75
Barrone Prevost
Beauty of Glazenwood2.00
Belinda 3 @ 4.00 1.50
Belinda
Belle Isis 1.50
Belle Blanca Supply Limited—2.00
Belle Portugal Supply Limited—1.75
Bess Lovett
Best Regards
Betty Prior1.50
Betty Uprichard 1.50
Billy BoilerSupply Limited-2.00
Black Prince 2.25
Blanc dbl. de Coubert 1.50
Blanche MoreauDiscontinued
Blaze1.50
Bloomfield Courage1.65
Bloomfield Dainty1.65
Bon Silene1.50
Boudoir1.75
Bravo3 @ 6.00 2.25
Breeze Hill Supply Limited—2.00
Bridesmaid1.50
Bright Eyes
Buccaneer
Butterscotch1.50
California1.50
Cameo 3 @ 3.50 1.35
Capistrano 3 @ 6.00 2.25
Capt. Christy 1.75
Capt. Hayward Supply Limited-1.50
Cardinal de Richelieu Subbly Limited-2.00
Carrousel
Cascadia Supply Limited—1.75
Castilian 2.00
Cat-in-Bag
Catherine Mermet New-1.75
Cecile Brunner Bush 3 (1 3.50-1.35
Cecile Brunner Climbing1,50
Charles Mallerin New-2.50
Charlotte Armstrong 3 (i) 5.25—2.00
Charmaine 1.50
Cherokee Rose 2.00
Chestnut Rose2.50
Chief Seattle New—2.50
China Doll Sold Out
Christopher Stone Bush 1.50
Christopher Stone Climbing 1.75
ChromatellaDiscontinued
Discontinucu

VARIETY	EACH PRIC	E
Chrysler Imperial	New-3.0	0
City of York	1.7	5
Clio	1,5	0
Col. Campbell Watson	Discontinue	d
Colette Clement	1.7	٢
Comtesse de Murinais	3 @ 5.252.0	0
Comtesse Riza Du Parc	1.5	0
Conrad F. Meyer	Discontinue	d
Contrast	Discontinue	d
	1.7	
Coupe d'Hebe	2.0	0
Cramoisi Des Alpes	2.0	0
Creeping Everbloom	3 (1) 4.50 1.7	5
Crested Moss	3 @ 5.25 2.0	0
Crimson Emblem	1.7	5
Crimson Glory	3 @ 4.651.7	5
Crimson Glory Climbing	3 (<i>w</i>).2) 2.0	0
Curly Pink	1.7	5
Dainty Bess Bush and Clim	nbing 1.50	0
Dame Edith Helen Bush		
Dame Edith Helen Climbi		
Daphne	1.)(0
Delicata	Supply Limited—2.00)
Desiree Parmentier		
Donald Prior	Subbla Limited 150	0
Double Brique	Suppry (Limitea—1.)	n
Dream Girl	3 @ 600 229	5
Dr. Huey1	10 or more—each 1 00	1
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Dr. J. H. Nicholas	Supply Limited—2.00)
Dr. W. Van Fleet	1.50)
Duc De Guiche		
Duchess of Sutherland		
Duchesse De Brabant		
Duchesse d'Istrie		
Duke of Teck	_Supply Limited-1.50)
Dumortier	_Supply Limited-1.50	0
Eclair		
Ednah Thomas		
Eglantine	1.75	5
Elegance	3 @ 4.751.75	5
Elie Beauvillain		
Elinor La Grice		
Else Poulsen	3.75 1.50)
Ena HarknessNer	w-3 (a) 4.50 1.75	
Enchantment	3 @ 5.25 2.00	
Everest	1.75	
Fandango	3 @ 5.252.00)
Fanny Bias	1.75	j
Fanny BiasFantastique	Sold out until 1954	1
Fashion	3 (1) 5.00 2.00)
Felberg's R. Druschki		
Felicite Bohain		
Ferdinand Pichard	2.00)
Fiesta	Supply Limited-2.00)
First Love	3 (1 6.00 2.25	1
Fisher Holmes	Discontinued	1
F. J. Grootendorst		
Flash		

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VARIETY	EACH PRICE	1 1111111111111111111111111111111111111	ACH PRICE
Floradora3	@ 3.501.35	Kaiserin Auguste Viktoria	1.50
Fortschritt3	(a 4.001.50	Karen Poulsen3 @ 3	1.8)(8,1
Forty-Niner3	(d 6.00 2.25	Kate Rainbow	Sola Out
Frances Ashton	1.50	Kathleen 3 (4)	1.6)
Francis E. Lester3		Kathleen Mills Supply Very Li	imited—2 00
Frau Karl DruschkiFred Edmunds	1.76	Kazanlik	2.00
Frensham Sup	bla Timited 1.75		
Frensham	pry Limiteu—1.7)	Lady Penzance	
Gabrielle Privat	@ 1 (0 1 40	La France	
Garnette		La France, Climber	2.25
General Jacqueminot		Lady Ashtown	
George Arends	1.75	La Marne	
Geranium RedNew-3	@ 4.001.50	Lamarque	
George Dickson		La Neige Lavender Pinocchio 3 @ 5	2.00
Glenn Dale		Lipstick	1.50
Gloire de Dijon	2.00	Lissy Horstman	New-2 00
Gloire des Mousseux	@ 5.252.00	Little Compton Creeper3 @ 4	1.75
Goethe		Los Angles, Climber	1.50
Golden Glow		Louis Gimard	
Golden Moss3		Louis Phillipe	
Golden Pyramid		Louise Crette	
Goldilocks	4.00 1.50	Lowell Thomas3 @ 5	
Gold Rush	(0) 4.50 1.75	Lucie Marie	
Good NewsSup	bla Limited 150	Lucia Zuloaga3 @ 5	1.252.00
Grand Cramoisi3	pry Limitea—1.50	Mabel Turner	New-1.50
Grande Duchesse Charlotte	4.50 1.75	Magic Carpet3 @ 4	
Green Rose	2.00	Maiden's Blush	1.75
Grev Pearl Subbly V	erv Limited-2.75	Maman Cochet	2.00
Gros Provins Panache	Discontinued	Maman Cochet, Climber	
Gruss an Aachen		Maman Cochet, White Bush	2.00
Gruss an Teplitz	1.50	Ma Perkins	New-2.25
		Marechal Niel Supply Very L.	
Hadley	1.50	Margo Koster 3 @ 3	
Hadley, Climber	1.50	Marie Louise	
Hamburg, ClimberSup	ply Limited—1.50	Marjorie W. Lester	1 (0
Hansa Harison's Yellow Supply V	(0 4.)01./)	Mark Sullivan	1.50
Heart's Desire, Climber	ery Limitea—2.00	Marshall P. Wilder	
Hebe's Lip	Discontinued	Marytje Cazant3 @ 3	
Heinrich Con. Soth		MasqueradeNew-3 @	
Helen Traubel3		Max Graf3 @ 5	
Henri Martin		May Queen	1.50
Henry Nevard	1.75	McGredy's Ivory3 @ 3	
Hermosa	3 @ 4.001.50	McGredy's Scarlet	
High Noon	3 @ 6.00 2.25	McGredy's Yellow3 @ 3	
Hippolyte Jamain	Discontinued	Mermaid Ming Toy	2.25
Hofgartner Kalb	New—1.75	Miniature Tree Roses New-3 @	9.00 3.50
Hon. Ina Bingham	New-1./)	Mirandy3 @	
Hon. Lady Lindsay Hortulanus Budde		Mission Bells3 @ 6	
HugonisSup	bla Limited—200	Mme. Alfred Carriere	
		Mme. ButterflySupply L	
Innocence	1.75	Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek	1.75
Irene of Denmark New-3		Mme. d'Hebray Supply L	imited-1.50
Irish Fireflame3	3 (1 4.00 1.50	Mme. Edmund Labbe	Discontinued
Isabella Sprunt	Discontinued	Mme. Gregoire Staechlin	1.75
Isobel3	3 @ 4.001.50	Mme. Gabriel Luizet	Discontinued
		Mme. Hardy 3 @	
Jean Lafitte		Mme. Henri Guillot, Climber 3 @	
Jeanne de Montfort		Mme. Jules Bouche Climber 1 (2)	
J. B. Clark		Mme. Jules Bouche, Climber 3 @ 4	
John Hopper	Discontinued	Mme. Louise Leveque 3	5 25 2 00
John Russell	Discontinued	Mme. Melanie Soupert	1.50
Jonkheer J. L. Mock Jubilee Sup	bly Limited-2 00	Mme. Victor Verdier	Discontinued
Juno3		Mrs. Anthony Waterer 3 @	4.50 1.75
Juilo	9 010 010 010		

VARIETY	EACH PRICE	VARIETY	EACH PRICE
Mrs. B. R. Cant	1.50	Reine des Violettes	3 @ 4.501.75
Mrs. Dudley Cross	1.75	Reveil Dijonnais	
Mrs. Foley Hobbs	Discontinued	Reve d'Or	
Mrs. John Laing	1.75	Roger Lambelin	
Mrs. Joseph Hiess3	@ 3.65—1.35	Rosabel Walker	
Mrs. MiniverSold	out until 1954	R. Andersonii	
Mrs. R. M. Finch3 @			
Mrs. Wakefield Christie-Miller		R. Damascena	
Musk Rose3 @	4.00 1.50	R. Highdownensis	2.00
Musk-McCoy's Double	1.50	R. Moschata Abyssinica	
Musk Seedling No. 5-Wind Chimes	1.00	R. Moyesi	1.75
Musk Double Seedling-Musketeer	1.00	R. Alpina	Discontinued
Musk Special Seedling-Arabian Ni	gnts1.)0	R. Multiflora Cathayensis	
Narcisse de Salvandy	Discontinued	R. Omeiensis	
Narzisse de Salvandy 3 @	A DO 1 50	R. Soulieana	Supply Limited-1.75
Neige Parfum Sold of	aut until 1054	R. Spinossissima Lutea Su	pply Very Limited-2.00
Nellie E. Hillock, Bush and Climber	r 175	R. Willmottiae	
NestorSupply		Rose a Parfum de l'Hay	
Nevada		Rose des Peintres	
New Yorker		Rosenelfe	
Nigger Boy	3 @ 4.50	Rose of Freedom	3 @ 4.65 1.75
Nocturne3 @		Rosette Delizy	Supply Limited-1.75
Nora Cunningham	New-1.75	Rubaiyat	3 @ 4.65 1.75
Nouveau Vulcain	1.75	Rugosa Magnifica	2.00
Nova Zembla	_ Discontinued	Ruskin Supp	ly Very Limited-2.00
Nuria de Recelona	Discontinued	Ruth, Climber	2.00
			4.40
Old Blush		Safrano	
Old Gold		Salet	
Old Spanish Rose 3 @		San Fernando, Bush	
Opal Brunner		San Fernando, Climber	
OperaNew-3 @	5.252.00	San GabrielSan Luis Rey	
Ophelia	1.75	Sanguinaire	Subbly Limited 200
Orange Triumph 3 @	3.6)1.3)	Sarah Van Fleet	Supply Limited—2.00
Parkzierde	Discontinual	Satan Satan	Sold Out
Paul Neyron		Saturnia	
Paul's Lemon Pillar		Schoener's Nutkana	
Peace, Bush3 @		Scorcher	
Peace, Climber3 @	6.602.50	Seven Sisters	
Penelope	Discontinued	Sheelagh Baird	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Perle d'Or3 @	3.851.50	Shot Silk, Bush	
Persian Yellow	1.75	Shot Silk, Climber	
Picture, Bush		Show Girl, Bush	
Picture, Climber		Show Girl, Climber	
Pike's Peak		Sierra Glow	
Pilar Landecho		Silver Moon	
Pink Bountiful3		Smiles	
Pink Grootendorst		Snowbird	
Pinkie, Climber		Snowbank	
Pink Moss		Sonata Souv. de la Malmaison, Bus	
Pink Moss			2.00
Pink Rosette		Souv. de la Malmaison, C	
Pink Satin		Splendens	
Pinocchio3 @		Springtime	
Pittsburgh		Studientrat Schlenz	
PollySupply		Stella Polaris	
Portadown Fragrance		Summer Snow	
Prima Donna	1.75	Sunday Best	1.75
Prince Camille de Rohan Supply		Sungold, Climber	1.75
		Suntan	1.75
Ragged Robin		Susan Louise	3 (1 3.85 1.50
Raubritter	1.75	Sutter's Gold	3 (1 6.00 2.25
Red Moss3 @		Suzon Lotthe	3 @ 6.50 2.50
Red Pinocchio3 @	3 85 150	Sweet Sixteen	175
Red Ripples		Symphonie	CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY AND A SECOND ASSESSMENT ASSE

VARIETY EACH PRICE	VARIETY
Taffeta3 @ 4.651.75	Veilchenblau
Tallyho3 @ 5.252.00	Victor Verd
Tausendschoen Supply Limited—1.75	Violette
The BeaconSold out until 1954	Vogue
The Doctor3 @ 4.001.50	White Gold
The Fairy3 @ 4.001.50	White Wing
Thusnelda 1.75	Will Rogers
Triomphe de l'ExpositionSupply Limited-1.75	Wm. R. Sm World's Fai
Ulrich Brunner1.50	
	Yellow Ceci
Valentine3 @ 5.252.00	Yellow Pine
Vanguard3 @ 4.001.50	York and L
Variegata di Bologna 3 @ 450 175	Yours Truly

VARIETY	EACH PRICE
Veilchenblau3	@ 3.851.50
Victor Verdier	Discontinued
Violette	1.50
Vogue3	@ 6.002:25
White Gold	Discontinued
White Wings	1.50
Will Rogers	1.50
Wm. R. Smith	
World's Fair3	@ 3.851.50
Yellow Cecile Brunner, Climber	1.75
Yellow Pinocchio	1.50
York and Lancaster	
Yours Truly	1.50



ADDITIONAL VARIETIES FOR SEASON 1953

The following in our judgment, are the best of the latest creations, All-America Winners, and those of the old-type roses which we have tested and are now ready to offer in fair quantity.

Many others of unusual beauty and interest will be ready for season 1954. By selection of the best from many choices, and discarding the least worthy, our collection already, has become beautiful and important.

Bess Lovett. Large flowering climber. (1915). This handsome Van Fleet Climber moves up from our limited quantity "Collectors' Items" into a position with our leaders. Produces over a long season, beautifully cup-formed, fragrant, large double flowers in a distinctive, light-red shade—especially glossy dark foliage. VERY pretty in the growing fields this summer.

Each 1.75

Buccaneer H. T. P.A.F. We are fortunate in having a fair quantity of the new Armstrong rose for 1953—"the brightest, yellowest rose with the most lasting color you have ever seen." Tall-growing and extremely vigorous... with all the beauty and good health, typical of the Armstrong creations. Each 2.75

Capt. Christy. H. Tea. (1873). Another variety, formerly listed in "Collectors' Items" which, after three years observation moves up into commercial production. Very large, globular, fragrant blooms, in flesh pink, with darker centers . . . beautifully formed. Very free, recurrent bloom. Eighty years old and still unsurpassed for delicacy and charm.

Catherine Mermet. Tea. (1869). Outstanding among our several Tea Roses, not only for the fine form and delicate flesh-pink coloring, but for the long, strong cutting stems and abounding good health of the plants. Remember these tea roses NEVER stop blooming.

3 for 4.50 Each 1.75

Charles Mallerin H. T. Patent 933. I will risk an argument with anybody (except Roy Hennessey, of course) by stating that Charles Mallerin is my favorite among the modern red hybrid teas . . . I challenge anyone to come upon it unexpectedly, without a spontaneous exclamation! It is a typical man's rose—the darkest of reds . . . as big as Peace, with more distinctive, velvety reflexed petals . . . a stem to delight a florist—a plant to please even ultra-critical Harris Darcy of Austin . . . a bouquet to make a lady happy . . . what more can you ask for 2.50.

Each 2.50

Chief Seattle. H. Tea. Patent 1030. The Armstrong introduction for 1952, and official rose for the City of Seattle's Centennial Celebration. "You'll look long for more perfect flowers or a plant as fine" say the originators. Produces big, high-centered, many-petalled blooms of rich old-gold. Each 2.50

Chrysler Imperial H. T. P.A.F. Dr. Walter Lammerts is once again in the lime-light for this AARS winner, 1953. Produces freely on a very luxuriant plant, large, exhibition-type blooms in very rich and changing shades of crimson red with darker overtones. Performs beautfully anywhere, coastal or inland, full sun or part shade. Due no doubt, to the Truman administration, the price, we whisper is a good round 3.00.

Double Brique. Gallica. Admired by the catalog-writer in the east and just getting out of "Collector's Items." The unusually handsome foliage and rosey-pink double blooms, with the silver shadings to the edges, place it with the best of the Gallicas.

Each 1.50

Ena Harkness. H. Tea. (1946). England. We are honored to receive a personal letter from Mr. Harkness including his "Harkness Rose Catalog 1953" from which we quote verbatim, the description of his fine rose Ena Harkness—"A rich crimson-scarlet rose of fine shape and vivid hue, which holds its glowing colour until the petals drop. The Habit of growth is upright, and ideal for bedding. We find it most resistant to all diseases. One of the earliest varieties to flower, it is especially happy in moist conditions, when it will frequently produce flowers of exhibition quality. The flowers have a distinctive form, the centre petals making a most attractive heart, from which the tips tend to curl back, while the outer petals suggest they are performing the office of a sheath. Awarded the Clay Cup for fragrance. RECOMMENDED AS THE FINEST ROSE IN THIS CATALOG." If you were in England it would cost you only four shillings, but this is America, friend.

Garnette. Floribunda. 2-2½ feet. Long famous as a dark-red corsage rose—now growing beautifully out-doors. Unbelievably long-lasting without fading both on the bush and after cutting . . . handsome holly-like foliage. We will reserve some of our enthusiastic adjectives for a larger supply, alas, than is available 1953.

Each 1.75

Geranium Red. Floribunda. Patent 811. 2 feet. Rated Floribunda but almost as large and double 2s the average hybrid tea... unique in the ruffled appearance of its heart petals, and as brilliant almost, as the old-fashioned scarlet-red geranium... rose-geranium fragrance. Passes our rigid test that any new variety offered by us must be distinctive and outstanding in its class.

3 for 4.00; Each 1.50

Hofgartner Kalb. China. (1914). 3-4 feet. As we write in mid July our plants are already 3-4 feet tall and are literally covered with large, lively-pink double fragrant blooms, which will keep coming profusely until frost. This is the China rose at its profuse best!

Hon. Ina Bingham. H. P. (1905). "Um-m-m, what a rose," says "Hon. Secretary" returning from the growing field in mid-July. "Amen, and what fragrance," says the catalog-writer with his nose in one of those great big pink beauties. This, gentle reader, should be written on YOUR list. Each 1.75

Irene of Denmark. Floribunda. Patent 889. 2½ feet. The famous Poulsen family of Denmark have just given us a white, profuse-blooming Floribunda, unique among the whites in this class, because of its fine H. T. form. All the Poulsen creations are noted for their healthy, glossy foliage, hardiness and abundant bloom. A welcome addition to our select list.

3 for 4.00; Each 1.50

John Hopper. H. P. (1862). Another of those typical vigorous, bushy hybrid perpetuals to catch our fancy. Unusual for its bright rose tones and lilac shadings—large, double and intensely fragrant. Repeats if it likes you.

Lissy Horstmann. H. Tea. (1943). A Mathias Tantau (German) creation introduced by Conard-Pyle, with Hadley in its parentage. This rates among the most brilliant scarlet-crimson roses we have ever seen—large, cupped very double, heavily perfumed, on long strong stems. Will make any and all the latest reds look to their laurels. If you don't like Lissy, "double your money back." Each 1.75

Mabel Turner. Hybrid Tea. (1923). From Belfast, Ireland comes this delicate, pale pink beauty, shading darker to the center, reverse carmine . . . high centered, very large, handsome and distinctive. Vigorous grower.

Each 1.50

Ma Perkins. Floribunda. P.A.F. 21/2-3 feet, compact. All-America winner in 1953. Another fine Floribunda has won the coveted AARS award, which assures hardiness and fine performance in all locations. "Sparkling coral shell-pink, with a rich unusual fragrance" says expert grower, O. S. Weeks. When its All-America, we waste no adjectives. These 'Gene Boerner floribundas are great roses! Each 2.25

Masquerade. Floribunda. Patent 975. 3 feet. This new ever-blooming Floribunda really deserves that over-worked word "sensational." A profusion of yellow buds open first to rose-pink, then turn deep red, then pink, and finally lemon-orange tones, thus covering the plant with a great variety of colors, at the same time. To lovers of unusual roses, this is for you!

3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Miniature Tree Roses. "Attention, please." We are offering for the first time, a delightful novelty—ten inch miniature tree roses on strong, self-supporting canes. Two colors and varieties are available in 1953—BABY GOLD STAR, a profusion of dainty yellow buds, unfolding slowly into star-like flowers, from the glossy foliage. OAKINGTON RUBY, similar except the exquisite tiny flowers are ruby-red. Have the quality and charm of the Japanese dwarf trees . . . equally attractive in containers or planted in the garden . . . make the daintiest of corsages. Please specify colors.

Any 3 for 9.00; Each 3.50

Names for Musk Seedlings. After carefully considering all names submitted and customer comments thereon, we have decided on WIND CHIMES as best expressing the illusive quality of Musk Seedling No. 5, and MUSKETEER for the bigger and bolder blooms of the DOUBLE MUSK SEEDLING. We hope these names will enjoy majority approval.

New Yorker H. T. Patent 823. We have found to our sorrow that unpopular names frequently kill interest in worthy roses—so when New Yorker appeared brilliantly on the rose horizon, we reacted unfavorably and looked the other way—modestly (?), mind you, the catalog-writer being a native-born New Yorker himself. But this striking "red, red" rose belongs to the nation . . . we succumb to customer pressure from all points . . . we agree it is a beauty and a grand performer! 3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Nora Cunningham. Climber. H. Tea. (1920). Still another good reason to be grateful to the great Australian hybridist, Allister Clark. We have yet to find a "dud" among his many creations. This is a vigorous, free-blooming climber, remontant with us, producing large, semi-double, flesh-pink blooms, paling to the center. Altogether charming.

Opera H. T. Patent 1017. Fresh over from la belle France, and bedecked with Gold Medals in international competition at Bagatelle, London and Geneva. Brilliant scarlet, suffused golden at the base, beautifully formed and very richly colored. "Thirty million Frenchman can't be wrong," not to mention the Swiss and the British.

3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Pink Satin. H. Tea. A very hardy hybrid tea with Floribunda blooming and growth habit . . . compact, bushy, moderate height. Produces in constant profusion, clear rose-pink, large cupped blooms with showy golden stamens. Highly endorsed by one of our favorite nurserymen, Bobbink & Atkins, and much admired by us.

Each 1.50

Portadown Fragrance. H. Tea. (1931). Thanks to the special interest of the late Dr. John Gage, we have revived for discriminating rosarians, one of the best of the McGready Irish creations, in brilliant and most unusual tones of orange-scarlet, and salmon-pink... verbena and tea fragrance. Have enough only for the connoisseurs in 1953.

Stella Polaris. H. Rugosa. A very free-blooming, single, silvery white rugosa which competes with rugosa Blanc Double Coubert for first honors in its color and class. Produces those big orange hips, so handsome in fall. The catalog-writer cannot decide between them . . . we can grow but one . . . will customers please make the decision.



This Addenda will serve to announce the retirement of Mrs. Marjorie W. Lester from the partnership of Lester & Tillotson Rose Gardens, effective at the close of season 1952. Mrs. Lester will continue to greet visitors in her picturesque garden of old roses, on the Brown Valley Road, Watsonville, at its best from mid-May to July 1st.

The business will carry on under the direction of Will Tillotson, ably assisted by "Hon. Secretary," Mrs. Dorothy Stemler, and the same crew, whose fine packaging received many compliments this year.

Will Tillotson assumes full responsibility for orders already confirmed by the partnership, together with credits, replacements, etc. The all-important details of shipping advices and correspondence pertaining to orders, will be centralized under one direction, to the great improvement of our service to customers.

No rose-grower escapes occasional bad luck . . . there are good and not-so-good seasons for all of us, and perfection remains an ideal to strive for. No-one trys harder than we to do the job right, and to merit the continued confidence of those who buy our roses.

In closing, the "catalog-writer" is reminded of the words written in our first catalog, 1946, following the death of one of the rose-world's great gentlemen, Francis E. Lester,

from "Hail and Farewell" in part, as follows . . . "We shall do our humble best to maintain his high ideals of integrity and service; to keep love for the rose before profit, and to see that the charm and sentiment of the old-fashioned roses is not forgotten."

I look back over the efforts of the past seven difficult years and feel that the spirit of those simple words has been maintained.

We move into the future with the confidence which comes from experience, learned the hard way, and with greater admiration than ever for the charm and garden value of the old roses. We shall continue to sing their praises.

For the hundreds of encouraging letters which come to us each season, again a warm thank-you, good friends, deep-down from all of us.

WILL TILLOTSON

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formerly of Lester & Willotson Rose Cardens



